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Virginia Prepares to Restore and Renovate Buildings in Capitol Square ~ Construction Zones Outlined ~

RICHMOND, VA – Restoration and renovation of buildings in Capitol Square will begin this month and continue until late 2006.

Three major renovation/construction projects including the Finance Building, Capitol Building and the Washington Building will soon begin. With the renovation of these three buildings, preparations are being made to ensure the safety of employees, visitors and others who frequent Capitol Square. During construction and over the next 30 months there will be changes in the access to some buildings. For safety precautions some sidewalks will be closed to pedestrian traffic. Access changes to buildings and sidewalks will occur first near the Old Finance Building, Jefferson Building and Governor Street. They are as follows:

Old Finance Building:

All sidewalks surrounding the Old Finance Building will be closed to pedestrian traffic.

Jefferson Building:

The sidewalk outside of the lobby on the north side of the building and extending to the fountain outside the Washington building will be closed to pedestrian traffic. The sidewalk adjacent to the east side of the building along Governor Street will be closed to pedestrian traffic from Bank Street to the brick sidewalk between the Old State Library and the Governor's Mansion.

Washington Building:

North entrance will be accessible for entering and exiting the building. The sidewalk immediately in front of the building will be open for travel to the perimeter of the fountain. Pedestrian travel east of the fountain toward the Bank Street Parking Deck will be closed. Travel north of fountain toward the Capitol will be closed. Travel south of the fountain toward the Bank Street entrance to Capitol Square will be closed periodically.

Bank Street Parking Deck:

The north entrance/exit on the Capitol Square side of the facility will be modified limiting pedestrian access.

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Capitol Building:

All pedestrian entrances will be closed on Bank Street except for the entrance located at the corner of Ninth Street and Bank Street. The entire lawn south of the Capitol will be closed. The lawn immediately to the north of the Capitol will be closed.

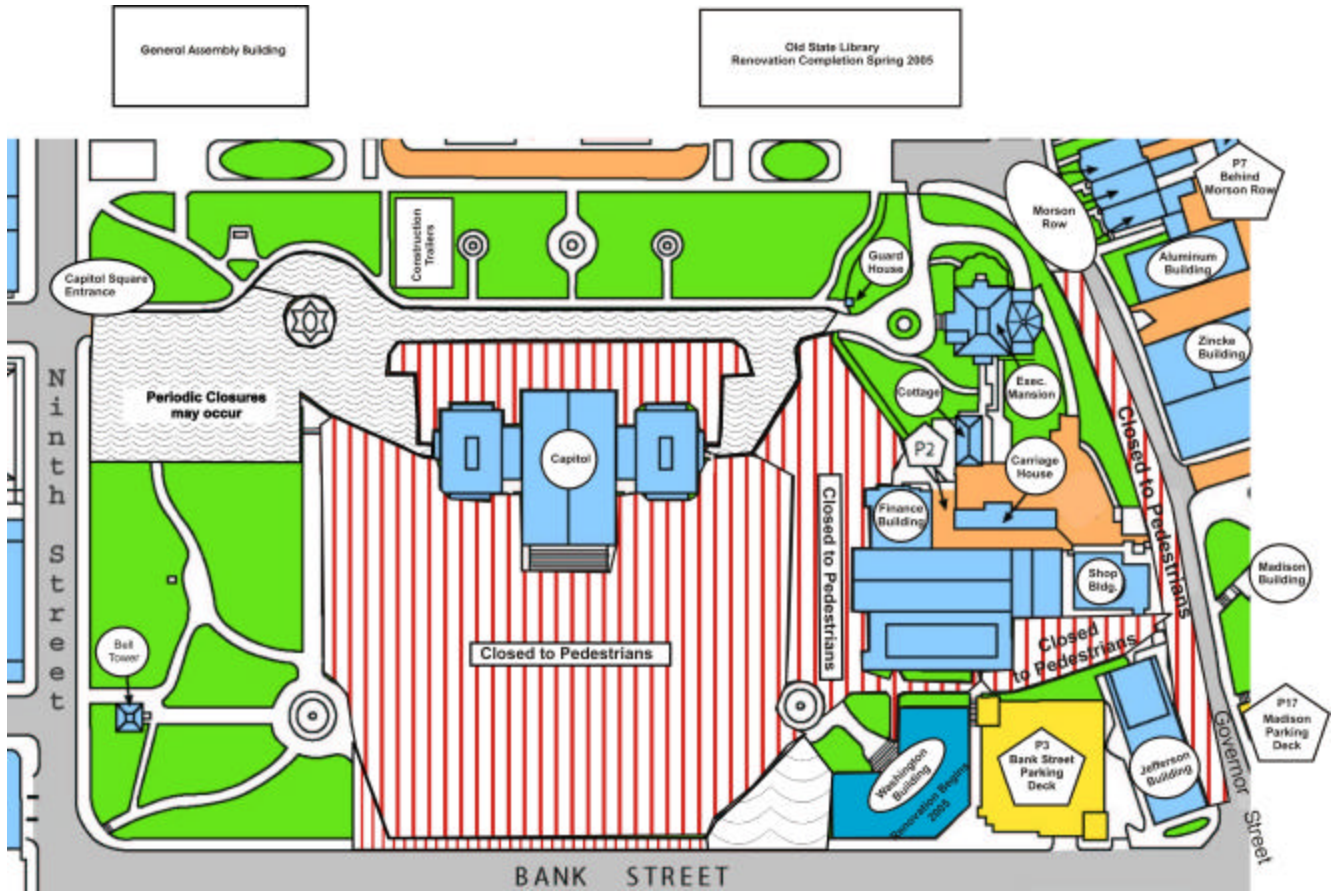
Capitol Square Entrance/Drive:

Periodic closures will occur in the Capitol Square driveway from Ninth Street to the Governor's Mansion.

The \$190 million in improvements to Capitol Square also includes the renovation of the Old State Library and Archives Building which began in March 2003 and is expected to be completed in March of 2005. It will serve as temporary office space for the legislature when the General Assembly is relocated to this building for Virginia's legislative session in 2006.

Visitors to Capitol Square are still welcome during construction, but for safety reasons visitors are strongly recommended to take a formal tour with a Capitol Tour Guide. For Capitol Tour information call 804-698-1788 or log on to <http://legis.state.va.us/CapitolTours/CapitolTours.htm>. For more information about improvements on Capitol Square or construction zones log on to www.dgs.state.va.us.

(Map of Construction Zones Attached)



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